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SUBJECT: OPEN FORUM ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE WASHINGTON
NATO SUMMIT

REF: USNATO 4137

1. APPRECIATE MISSION'S SUGGESTIONS ON POSSIBLE
SPEAKERS FOR OPEN FORUM SESSIONS FOLLOWING NATO
SUMMIT.

2. WE EXPECT THAT INTEREST IN NATO AND ITS FUTURE
COURSE WILL BE HIGH AFTER THE SUMMIT. ATTENDANCE
AT WELL-PLANNED EVENTS SHOULD BE GOOD. SYG LUNS
WOULD BE THE FIRST CHOICE AS A SPEAKER SINCE HE
CAN SPEAK ON BOTH POLITICAL AND DEFENSE ISSUES.
KEEPING IN MIND THE MISSION'S COMMENTS ON ATTENDANCE,
WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT A MEETING WITH LUNS BE HELD IN
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THE EAST AUDITORIUM. THIS ROOM HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF
SEATING SEVERAL HUNDRED IN A CONFIGURATION WHICH
EMPHASIZES, RATHER THAN DETRACTS FROM, ATTENDANCE.

3. IF LUNS CANNOT ADDRESS THE OPEN FORUM, WE WOULD
SUGGEST A PANEL DISCUSSION, POSSIBLY INCLUDING DEPUTY

SECRETARY GENERAL PETRIGNANI, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MUMFORD AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY WALSH. AS MISSION IS MORE AWARE OF PERSONALITIES, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON BEST MAKE-UP OF SUCH A PANEL WHICH MIGHT DISCUSS THE BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES FACING NATO.

4. A POSSIBILITY FOR A SECOND SESSION IS A PANEL OF PERMREPS. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF AMBASSADOR BENNETT WOULD MODERATE ANY SUCH PANEL. SUCH A PANEL WOULD GIVE A MORE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY ORIENTATION TO NATO ISSUES.

5. AT THIS MOMENT, THERE IS A SPEAKER TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE THAT DATE SO THAT BOTH JUNE 1 AND JUNE 2 COULD BE DEVOTED TO NATO DISCUSSIONS. ALL OPEN FORUM MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AT NOON TO MAKE ATTENDANCE EASIER. ALL ARE, AS YOU KNOW, OFF THE RECORD AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE PROCEEDINGS HAVE EVER LEAKED. GENERALLY, THE SPEAKER TALKS FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES, WITH 30 MINUTES DEVOTED TO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF LUNS' AVAILABILITY. IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL CAN MEET WITH THE OPEN FORUM ON JUNE 1 WE WILL DECIDE WHAT KIND OF PANEL WOULD BEST FOLLOW UP
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ON JUNE 2.

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